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SUBJECT: VORSTER MESSAGE TO KAUNDA ON SAG WITHDRAWAL IN ANGOLA

1. MARK CHONA PHONED ME AT 1945 CHRISTMAS EVE SAYING HE HAD TO SEE ME IMMEDIATELY AND COULD HE STOP BY THE RESIDENCE. HE CAME AND SAID PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD AUTHORIZED HIM TO INFORM ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AT HIS VACATION SPOT UP NORTH BRAND FOURIE OF SOUTH AFRICA AT PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S REQUEST. PURPOSE WAS TO INFORM ZAMBIANS OF SOUTH AFRICAN DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM ANGOLA BEFORE OAU SUMMIT AND TO SEEK LATEST ZAMBIAN ASSESSMENT OF OUTLOOK FOR PEACE IN ANGOLA.

2. KAUNDA TOLD FOURIE OF HIS FOUR-POINT OBJECTIVE AGREED TO WITH PRESIDENTS NYERERE, MACHEL AND KENYATTA FOR OAU SUMMIT. SAID HE HOPED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD UNDERSTAND WHEN IT WAS ROUNDLY CONDEMNED AT OAU FOR ITS INTERVENTION EVEN THOUGH WITHDRAWAL MIGHT HAVE BEEN EFFECTED. KAUNDA EXPLAINED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT BE SINGLED OUT AS SOVIETS AND CUBANS WOULD COME IN FOR HEAVY LICKS BUT AFRICAN CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA UNDERSTANDABLY EMOTIONALLY BASED BECAUSE BLACK NATIONS FELT SAG HAD NOT DONE ENOUGH IN NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA OR ON APARTHEID WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA.

3. KAUNDA ALSO TOLD FOURIE SOUTH AFRICANS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO APPROACH AMERICANS AND FRENCH IMMEDIATELY NOTIFYING

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THEM OF THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA AND PLEADING FOR THESE

TWO POWERS TO FILL THE VACUUM SOME WAY. FOURIE CONSIDERED THIS GOOD ADVICE AS SOUTH AFRICANS "COULD NOT CARRY THE CAN".

4. I THEN TRIED OUT ON CHONA THE NYERERE THESIS (STATE'S 301921) WITHOUT IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFYING TANZANIA AS THE SOURCE. CHONA ACKNOWLEDGED THE LINE SOUNDED FAMILIAR. SAID ZAMBIA FULLY AGREED WITH THE THESIS THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS INDEED THE KEY TO A PEACEFUL SOLUTION IN ANGOLA. COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO RESTRAIN MOBUTU WHO WOULD ARGUE HE IS ONLY IN ANGOLA BECAUSE KATANGESE TROOPS ARE IN TO SUPPORT NETO.

5. ON QUESTION OF MOBUTU'S STABILITY CHONA SAID THIS HAD LONG BEEN A CONCERN OF NYERERE AND THAT FOR MANY YEARS ZAMBIA HAD BEEN TRYING TO GET MOBUTU AND NYERERE CLOSER TOGETHER BUT THE TWO MEN SIMPLY DID NOT GET ON AT ALL. EARLIER IT HAD BEEN CONSIDERED BY ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA TO HAVE BEEN THOUGHT A GOOD STRATEGY WERE IT POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH SOME SORT OF EMPATHY BETWEEN NETO AND MOBUTU. BUT NYERERE FOUND MOBUTU IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH.

6. I AGAIN PRESSED CHONA TO DESCRIBE NEXT STEPS AFTER THE OAU SUMMIT, ASSUMING ALL WENT WELL ACCORDING TO THE AGREED PLAN OF THE FOUR PRESIDENTS. HE ADMITTED IT WOULD BE HARD TO ERADICATE THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS. HE SAID THE CUBANS ARE HERE TO STAY IN AFRICA AND IF THEY ARE MOVED OUT OF ANGOLA, THEY WILL ESTABLISH A FOOTHOLD IN NAMIBIA AND/OR RHODESIA. BE ASSURED OF ONE THING, CHONA WENT ON, PRESIDENT KAUNDA WILL STAND UP TO THE RUSSIANS AT ALL COSTS. DOES THIS MEAN, I ASKED, THAT ZAMBIA IS ON THE POINT OF CONSIDERING A BREAK IN RELATIONS? NOT YET, CHONA ANSWERED.

7. CHONA THEN WENT ON TO SAY ZAMBIA INTENDS IMMEDIATELY TO DEVELOPE A NEW THEME (DRAWN FROM THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO) WHICH PUBLICLY POINTS THE BLAME AT THE SOVIETS FOR INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN ANGOLA. CHONA HOPED WE WOULD ALSO EXPAND ON THIS THEME IN OUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS. I GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE SECRETARY'S LATEST STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 23. CHONA DID NOT SAY SO BUT THE SUBTLE IMPLICATION MAY BE THAT IF THE MORE-MILITANTLY INCLINED AFRICANS REFLECT ON THIS THEME (ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED IN THE MANIFESTO

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TO APPLY TO SOUTH AFRICA BUT NOW BORROWED TO APPLY TO ANGOLA) IT MIGHT HELP TO DEFLATE SOME OF THE EMOTIONALISM AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AT THE OAU. PERHAPS THE IDEA ORIGINALLY CAME FROM THE SOUTH AFRICANS.

8. CHONA THEN TURNED TO A VISIT HE HAD THAT DAY FROM THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WHO WANTED TO ASSURE ZAMBIA THAT HIS COUNTRY COULD BE COUNTED ON TO HOLD THE LINE AGAINST THE SOVIETS.

GLONA THANKED THE USG FOR ITS EFFORTS WITH EGYPT.

9. I THEN CONFIDED I WOULD BE GOING TO KINSHASA RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS. CHONA IMMEDIATELY GUESSED THE PURPOSE, RECALLING MENTION EARLIER THAT SCHAUFLELE WAS READY TO VISIT ZAMBIA. CHONA SHOWED GREAT INTEREST TO LEARN THE RESULTS OF ANY MEETING WHICH SCHAUFLELE MIGHT HAVE WITH MOBUTU. CHONA THEN SURPRISED ME BY SAYING HE MIGHT HAVE A MESSAGE FOR ME DURING MY VISIT TO KINSHASA. PRESUMABLY HE WANTED TIME TO INFORM KAUNDA IN THE NORTH AND SEEK HIS INSTRUCTIONS.  
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